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LIGHTNING'S FEARFUL WORK.

A Narrow Escape from Death, and a Badly Wrecked House.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conway had an extremely narrow escape from death by lightning last Tuesday night. While sitting by the fire in their home five miles northwest from town, lightning struck the building and knocked part of the chimney down, shattering it from top to bottom. The house was torn open, and the ceiling parted from the side, letting the wind and rain in. Mr. and Mrs. Conway were both knocked down and so badly shocked that they did not recover consciousness for something near an hour. Mr. Conway fell backwards, chair and all, and his wife fell forwards out of her chair on the floor. Fire was knocked out on the floor, and Mr. Conway's first action after begining to revive was to overturn a bucket of water that was fortunately in his reach, and put out the fire where it was burning the floor. Had the fire caught at first, while both were unconscious, they would have been burned with the house. That this terrible tragedy was averted is gratifying while the misfortune is quite a serious one to the young people as it is.

A curious feature of the case was that every chair in the room was overturned. Everything on the mantel was totally destroyed, several bottles of medicine being hurled across the room and broken against the opposite wall. The windows on each side the fireplace were destroyed, the facing being torn off and thrown on the floor, while every pane of glass was broken with the exception of a single glass. Mr. Conway walked to his father's house, near by, and told of his disaster and was informed that it had been an hour or more since the peal of thunder which did the work, and from this he judged how long he lay unconscious. It must have been a powerful current of electricity from the manner in which it wrecked the house.

J. A. O. Club.

A called meeting of the J. A. O. Club was held at the home of Miss Smith on last Tuesday eveneng, and important business transacted. New officers were elected as follows: Miss Clarke president; Miss McLendon, vice president; Miss Dona Coulter, treasurer; Miss Mistrot secretary. Mrs. Sam Parker will be our club chaperone and Mrs. R. M. Gordon, Mrs. W. H. Oliver, and Mrs. Milton Sims Jr., were made honorary members. We will meet with Miss Clarke on Wednesday afternoon promptly at four o'clock. Secretary.

The Cameron Heard says: "Hon. Rosser Thomas will have a good chance to secure the nomination to succeed Joe Bailey in the national house of representatives." His Brazos county friends would be glad to see him so honored, and believe he would make an able representative.

PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN.

Movements of Troops Under the Different Leaders in Luzon.

Manila, Jan. 20.—Hughes reports from San Jose de Buena Vista, western coast of Panay, that he crossed the mountains in a northwesterly direction from San Joaquin, southern Panay, on Wednesday, struck the enemy crossing Antique river, capturing a rifled cannon and a Nordenfeldt; pursued the insurgents through Antique, Egana and Sibalon, their capital, and marched to San Jose. Casualties one wounded, the enemy's loss considerable. The entire population have flown to the mountains. Heat oppressive.

MacArthur reports that on Wednesday 35 rifles were surrendered at Floda Blanco; that at Manibang McRae of the Third infantry captured three insurgent officers, the wife of General Mescardo, considerable insurgent property and liberated three Spanish prisoners; that at Galangi McRae captured 10 insurgents, burned 7 tons of rice and the insurgent barracks; that Sullivan of the Thirty-fourth infantry, near San Jose, surprised an insurgent force, capturing six rifles and considerable livestock; that Lieutenant Houlte of the Third infantry captured near Malolos one officer, 25 men and 6 rifles; that Van Horn of the Seventeenth infantry struck the Ladrones at Santa Cruz, killed 17, wounded 8, captured 13 and 9 rifles.

MacArthur reports that a strong mounted position west of Mabalacat is occupied by General Hizon.

Bates reports that Schwan's column of cavalry is refitting at Batangas to move eastward, the infantry now moving in that direction, the enemy retiring suffering losses of men and property. Our casualties small, mostly slight wounds. Six officers, 54 enlisted men, 4 civil employes and 11 Friars, all Spanish prisoners released by Schwan, arrived from Batangas.

Young at Vigan, reports a number of successful skirmishes in the mountains with remnants of the insurgent organization and robber bands with slight casualties among his troops.

A Peculiar Accident.

Naples, Tex., Jan. 20.—A very serious and unusual accident happened to a daughter of George Drake, a negro living near here in Cass county. The girl was standing on a portico with her hand resting on one of the supporting columns. A few inches below her hand a nail had been driven into the column with the head out about half an inch. The girl had a ring on a finger of her hand. From some impulse or cause she jumped to the ground, several feet. She is only 16 years old, but very large and stout. In her descent her hand slipped down the column. The ring caught on the head of the nail. Her weight and the force of the jump jerked the finger from her hand, bringing with a leader nearly the length of her arm. The girl is going through pain and convulsions, which are but little alleviated by anesthetics. It is supposed that a difficult surgical operation will be necessary to save her.

After Thirty Years.

Bloomsberg, Pa., Jan. 20.—Alexander Savage, who disappeared from his home here 35 years ago and had long been mourned as dead, has turned up alive and well. His brother is in receipt of a letter from him announcing that he is an officer of high standing in the Spanish army and lives at Madrid. Savage says he has acquired a large fortune. Five years after Savage's disappearance, he wrote to his relatives from China, stating that he had gone to the orient to seek his fortune. Thirty years have elapsed since that letter was written.

Child's Head Blown Off.

Jacksboro, Tex., Jan. 20.—News has reached here of a terrible accident in which the 7-year-old son of Charley Anfeel lost his life. Mr. Anfeel had been killing hogs and had left some powder where little George and a smaller brother found it and poured it into the barrel of an old shotgun, and while George was looking into the barrel, or put his mouth over it, his little brother touched a match to the tube, and the explosion tore off the whole top of George's head, killing him instantly.

Run Down In a Tunnel.

Easton, Pa., Jan. 20.—A section gang of nine men were run down in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad tunnel, near Oxford, N. J. Two of the party were killed and a third died shortly after being struck. The other six are seriously hurt.

One Patient on Hand.

Tyler, Tex., Jan. 20.—All the patients which have been confined at the pesthouse with smallpox have been discharged save one, Mr. Lee of Dallas, and he will be discharged some time next week.

Jury Failed to Agree.

Brownwood, Tex., Jan. 20.—The jury in the Holmes murder case was discharged by the court being unable to agree. This is the second trial of the case, both resulting in a mistrial.

Stockman Killed.

Yoakum, Tex., Jan., 20.—T. H. Webb was shot and instantly killed here. He was a stockman from Eagle Lake.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Philip Denson, a negro, was hanged at Bainbridge, Ga., for the murder of Will Lane.

The effort to combine the 64 cotton mills at Falls River, Mass., into one concern, thereby controlling all prints, has failed.

Andrew Carnegie has given $40,000 to Covington, Ky., for a public library.

CUBA REGULATIONS.

Order Issued Relating the Duties of the Civil and Military Authorities.

Havana, Jan. 20.—The full text of the order relating to the duties of civil and military authorities has been issued. The most important provisions in addition to those already cabled are that after February all communications between civil and military authorities and members of the charge will present the matters they have under advisement, which will require immediate action to the governor of the island personally for final decision; civil officials are charged with the conduct of civil affairs under the supervision of the military governor alone; department commanders are charged with the maintenance of public order in the general sense of the term.

Military officers, the order directs, are not to interfere with the civil authorities except under extreme conditions, where in their opinion, public order, life and property are in danger. In this case they are authorized to suspend the offender temporarilly, reporting immediately both by wire and letter to the governor of the island.

The military authorities are also charged with the inspection of prisons throughout their districts at least once a month, reporting on the same independently of the civil reports. Military officers must not interfere with the public press unless such action shall be absolutely necessary, the continued publication of matters tending to provoke a serious disturbance of the public peace or unless necessary to prevent obscene publications menancing public morals.

The order declares that the civil law will be found ample to right private wrongs. The military are charged with the capture of bandits who are to be turned over to the civil authorities, the military supplying the judges with all the evidence possible.

Department commanders shall cause once each quarter an inspection of the public schools in their respective departments by army officers.

The chiefs of the public works in each province and the military engineers in each department will be associated for the purpose of instruction in the methods employed by the engineering department of the United States in estimating upon construction and contracts. After April 1 the public works in the various provinces will be under the direct control of provincial chiefs of public works, a military engineer officer continuing on duty in each province solely for the purpose of inspection.

An American cattle importer at Matanzas, finding himself unable to sell his cattle, started in the butcher business, lowering the price of meat from 25 to 10 cents a pound. This gratified the people of Matanzas but the other people promptly bought up his stock in order to get him out of the way. He says the undertaking was profitable and that he may kill in Havana.

One hundred and fifty persons who had been imprisoned on excessive sentences or had been held for an unreasonable time awaiting trial were released. On emerging from prison they were greeted by many friends and an affecting scene ensued.

Total Receipts in Cuba.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The war department has given out the statement that the total receipts for the entire island of Cuba for the month of December were $1,733,211. The total receipts for the entire island for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1899, by items were as follows: Customs $14,072,114; internal revenue $757,283; postal receipts from July 1, 1899, to Dec. 31, 1899, were $91,514; miscellaneous receipts from July 1, 1899 to Dec. 31, 1899, were $293,584. Total receipts $15,217,497.42.

WANT MORE TIME.

Contest in Kentucky Cannot Be Finished in Time Allotted.

Frankfort, Jan. 20.—The reading of the counter claims of the Republican incumbents to the gubernatorial contest, arguments over the admissibility and arguments to strike it partially out after its admission, comprised the work of the contesting boards Friday and the last mentioned arguments were not concluded when an adjournment was taken.

The Democratic attorneys made a determined fight against the admission of a counter claim, saying it covered so many different counties, that it would be impossible for them to prepare evidence to controvert it inside of three months. After it had been admitted, they declared that they would make no attempt to offset its allegations because of the physical impossibility of bringing to Frankfort the great number of witnesses necessary for the operation.

Ex-Governor Bradley in asking the board to grant him as much time as possible, announced that the Republicans had subpoenaed 2700 witnesses.

The house after a long debate passed Mr. Orr's (anti-Goebel Dem.) resolution instructing the contest committee in the case of governor and lieutenant governor to take all the time necessary in order to arrive at a full, fair and just conclusion and to hear all of the evidence on both sides. This resolution was brought forth to meet the complaint of Goebel's attorneys that the interference of outside events had cut off much of their testimony.

In the debate on the floor Cantrill and other Goebel Democrats opposed the resolution, but a large number of Democrats broke away from party lines and the resolution finally passed by a vote of 78 to 14.

John Ruskin Dead.

London, Jan. 20.—John Ruskin died here of influenza, aged 81 years.